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Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR CONTRACT CONSISTENCY IN A  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 31, 2005,  
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: